



**The Kingdom of Morocco**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nuclear Security Summit**

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**“Nuclear Security-Safety Interface”**

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**Mr. Chairman**  
**Excellencies,**

The Kingdom of Morocco welcomes the holding of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nuclear Security Summit and commends President Lee Myung Bak, for convening this session on « Security-Safety Interface », which is intended to take a critical look at the issue of nuclear security and safety, in light of nuclear accidents.

I seize this opportunity to thank the Director General of IAEA for his valuable and comprehensive presentation on the synergy between Security and Safety. I would like also to express the high esteem of the Kingdom of Morocco, for the IAEA efforts in strengthening the nuclear security regime.

**Mr. Chairman**  
**Excellencies,**

We are reminded, one year after the tragic Fukushima event, that ensuring nuclear safety requires the maintenance of the highest scale of nuclear safety and security standards, as well as long-term disaster-preparedness and strong international cooperation. Indeed, the Fukushima accident has also underscored the need to continue international efforts to identify new challenges in infrastructure development and to respect the ‘3S’ principle: Safeguards, Safety and Security.

The convening of this working session today, is both timely and relevant:

- **It is timely** because nuclear safety and security remain a major issue for countries with a nuclear power programme, as demonstrated by nuclear accidents, as well as for countries developing applications using radioactive sources in medicine, industry, research, agriculture...etc.
- **It is also particularly relevant** because, one year after the Fukushima accident, it has been evidenced that safety and security measures are interlinked, and have in common the aim of protecting human life, preserving health and sustaining the environment.

**Mr. Chairman**  
**Excellencies,**

Obviously, nuclear safety cannot be upheld with in isolation from nuclear security. It is a common and global concern to make sure that nuclear safety and security are dealt with in a coordinated manner to minimise the various inherent risks of nuclear energy, at the national, regional, and international levels.

Notwithstanding the differences in some aspects related to organization, prevention, surveillance and response, nuclear safety and security share many similarities in the objective and the approach. The consequences of a security event are undoubtedly

based on safety considerations. We should therefore build a stronger connection between nuclear safety and nuclear security.

For this reason, it is important to address, both nuclear safety and security without compromising each other, despite the existing dilemma relating to the need of transparency for nuclear safety and confidentiality, and protection of information for nuclear security.

**Mr. Chairman**  
**Excellencies,**

The Kingdom of Morocco is confident that addressing these challenges related to the interlinked and mutually reinforcing Security and Safety, requires taking the following actions:

- Adopting integrated and harmonized international standards with regard to Security and Safety.
- Establishing an international regime for safety and security.
- Developing, at the national level, the necessary infrastructure that recognizes the importance of the Security-Safety interface.

To this end, Morocco has undertaken effective measures on the basis of a national strategy which seeks to establish a national infrastructure for nuclear safety and security, to upgrade of the domestic and regulatory framework, to promote safeguards protocols, and to develop human resources; all elements aiming at enhancing the Kingdom's safety and security standards.

Indeed, Morocco is establishing a comprehensive and harmonized legal and regulatory framework, regarding both nuclear safety and security, by elaborating, in 2011, a new Draft Law on nuclear and radiological safety and security, currently in the process of being adopted, with the objective to regulate all applications, and to establish an independent authority for nuclear safety and nuclear security, foreseen by this Draft Law. This entity will be endowed with the necessary resources, and will be responsible for:

- Verifying compliance with the legislative and regulatory requirements.
- Developing a coherent approach for the licensing of applications.
- Conducting inspections processes for both safety and security.

In this same spirit, Morocco further provides appropriate technical support to reinforce nuclear safety and security, supports the establishment and implementation of a global and national approach, strengthens its national capabilities for nuclear safety and security, and effectively promotes and encourages a culture of safety and security.

**Mr. Chairman**

**Excellencies,**

The Kingdom of Morocco has firm confidence in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and its safety measures guidelines, and is confident that the Agency plays a central role in assisting its Member States in establishing effective nuclear security and safety infrastructure.

It is Morocco's conviction, that while it is necessary to provide the Agency with the necessary human and financial resources, to achieve its work in "nuclear safety and security" - the main pillar underpinning its mission - it is fundamental to maintain a balance between all pillar activities of the Agency, which is important for the success of the Agency in fulfilling its overall mandate, whether in activities in the fields of technology, safety and security, or through the implementation of safeguards. All these activities are interlinked and mutually reinforcing, and they all serve the noble objective of Atoms for peace and development.

In this vein, the Kingdom of Morocco welcomes the adoption of the IAEA Ministerial Declaration, in Vienna, in June 2011, which provides a solid basis for a significant strengthening of nuclear safety, emergency preparedness and radiation protection of people and the environment throughout the world, and is also pleased to support the IAEA's Nuclear Safety Action Plan.

**Mr. Chairman  
Excellencies,**

Nuclear Safety and Nuclear Security are two sides of the same coin that form the fundamental principles for the peaceful use of nuclear energy worldwide.

Following from this, the Kingdom of Morocco is fully dedicated in implementing nuclear conventions on security and safety, and remains committed to supporting the efforts of the international community for enhancing nuclear safety and security, and engaged to working with member states in attaining the common goals in these two areas, for a safe and secure world.

I thank you very much.

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